

## St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes

June 25, 2008

Opening prayer at 7:00 PM led by Andrew Neiditz.

Attendees: Tony Adams, Deacon Daniel Allen, Bunnee Butterfield, Kathy Deuel, Phil Ferrell, Brian Guillot, Father Hightower, Jackie LaValley, Andrew Neiditz, Jacob Suazo, Liz Turpin, Beverly Wells, and Loren Wright.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for May were distributed to Parish Council members via email. Phil Ferrell moved that the minutes be approved as presented, second by Tony Adams. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Hightower reported that there will be a grounds clean up project on June 28. He distributed a chart of the parish showing the relationships between staff, groups, and functions. He will be on a Holland American Cruise to Alaska on July 18 – 25. There is no solution yet for McNeil.

Faith Formation: Brian Guillot presented an overview of the current Faith Formation schedule which has been in place since 1996 (based on input and interviews with the families active in faith formation at that time). The design intent is for the family to be able to attend Mass at 9:00, go to breakfast as a family, and then go to class (with the parents having an opportunity for fellowship / community building with other families or coming back later to pick up students after class. Is it working? The archdiocese requires a Mass attendance count during October of each year. The 9:00 a.m. mass numbers are significantly greater on mornings when Faith Formation is scheduled. On a national basis the retention rate after receiving First Communion is 50%. At St John Bosco the rate is 56% (or 63% if you include those who received first communion elsewhere). Brian credits the retention to his catechists (who also have a very good retention record).

Mission Statements: Last month we were challenged to think about "What is the purpose of a Catholic Parish?." The answer to the question should be reflected in the Parish Mission Statement. Kathy Deuel will host an email discussion for revising the existing Parish and Parish Council Mission Statements over the summer.

(Parish Council) Selection Committee: Tony Adams, Phil Ferrell, and Andrew Neiditz will have a work group meeting to develop a schedule of activities for this year's selection process.

Parish Council: There will be no Parish Council meeting in July. On Sunday, August 24 Bunnee Butterfield will host the annual Parish Council Picnic at her home (off Butte Drive). The picnic will start at 4:00 pm. More details to follow via email from Bunnee and/or Kathy.

### Committee Liaison Reports:

Bev Wells reported that Women at the Well are knitting afghans and Grief Ministry members are knitting prayer shawls. Legion of Mary members recently did a clean up of the storage space allocated for their use. It was like "Christmas in June" discovering long forgotten treasures and items that are no longer needed. The Project Moses collection brought in over \$7,000. The Ten Commandments monument has been ordered: it should arrive in 6 to 8 weeks. The excess funds received will go to Social Outreach.

Stewardship Committee: Tony Adams reported that Phil Ferrell was at the last Stewardship Committee meeting. The committee is working on a mission statement. They are considering increased emphasis on Stewardship with things like a weekly stewardship message in the parish bulletin, and/or including a stewardship message in community prayers during mass. The dinner to welcome new families to St John Bosco will probably occur in September. The schedule for the Time and Talent Fair has not been set.

Space Issues: Tony Adams reported that he has met with Debbie Pedraza and noted that required records were well managed and maintained. There is a need for additional space to store records with long term retention requirements. Those space and equipment issues will be included in the Administrative space remodel project. Kathy Deuel stated that we would like to have the physical remodel occur next summer when we go to summer

schedule to minimize the disruption to other parish activities.

Youth Group: Ascend Senior High leadership camp at the end of June. There is a Junior High leadership camp in August. The Mt Vernon Migrant Workers project is scheduled for August 10 – 16. The Junior and Senior High groups will be going to Wild Waves on July 18. The Young Adult (age 18 – 35) group will be working on Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Community Services projects August 1 – 3. The Archdiocese is hosting a young adult Barbeque and Pool party on July 12.

Action Items for the Summer:

“What is the purpose of a Catholic Parish?” Mission Statements email – Kathy

Timeline for Selection Process – Andrew, Phil, and Tony

Space Issues:

Space planning with consultant – Kathy;

Contact Ed Foster for records from last remodel – Loren

Next Meeting: Our next scheduled parish council meeting will be on September 24, 2008. There will be no Parish Council Meeting in July; the Parish Council Picnic will be on Sunday August 24, 2008.

Tony Adams led us in closing prayer; the meeting was adjourned at 8:16.

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Loren Wright